



Pastor's message

Living within the power of the Holy Spirit

During the children's message on June 1, Ascension Sunday, I asked Jude Mosley what the disciples were doing in the picture projected on the wall of the sanctuary. In it, Jesus' disciples were standing in a circle looking up, many with their hands outstretched toward the ascending feet of Jesus. Jude's answer was that they were trying to pull him back down to earth. We all laughed at Jude's quick, honest answer, but I wonder if there is more truth to his reply than we first thought.

Humanity then . . . and now . . . wants a savior who will come and fix our troubles. Religion had become more ritual and law than answers to the deep questions of life. So God sent his Son, Jesus, to show us how to live, and then he went to the cross for our sins. They thought the story of this new hope was over, but death could not contain our Savior. When they encountered the risen Lord, they were given new hope for a Messiah that



would free them from the oppression of Roman rule. If he could conquer death, certainly he could conquer the Roman Empire!

But that was not God's plan. In place of physical might

and force, God has given us spiritual strength and understanding. Instead of Jesus walking the earth, sharing the gospel story . . . we have been sent to share the good news as witnesses to "Jerusalem, in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 8b)

The gift is that we don't go alone; we are invited to travel through life living within the power of the Holy Spirit. (See "Living," on page 2)

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("Living," from page 1)
 Sadly, we often forget about this powerful presence and attempt to figure our way out of difficulties on our own. That is not God's plan. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the third person in God's trinity, can be as real to us as Jesus was to his disciples.

This coming Sunday, June 8, we'll celebrate that gift. It won't be a celebration like Christmas with decorated trees and strings of lights and ribbons and wreaths, and I haven't heard any

"The gift of the Holy Spirit, the third person in God's trinity, can be as real to us as Jesus was to his disciples."

Holy Spirit carols being played at the mall.

But here at Providence Presbyterian Church, we're going to celebrate! We're

going to wear red clothes, hang banners, and turn up the volume as we worship the One who has come to comfort and empower us.

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June worship volunteers

Contributed by Mary Mastrangelo and Melodie Garner

Date	Liturgist	Communion	Ushers	Nursery	
1	Graham Hayes	Intinction	Bill Berry	Myrna Andrews	
			Steve Crenshaw		Buck Bolton
			Ken Gadomski		Joan Rommes
					Amy Westerberg
8	Graham Hayes		Ann Bosarge	Kathy Taylor	
			Aggie Roebuck		
			Buddy Low		
			Mary Mastrangelo		
15	Ken Gadomski		Marlene Taylor	Pam Fredelake	
			Les Taylor		
			Bob Ellis		
			TBA		
22	Ken Gadomski		Al Drinovsky	Barry South	
			Debbie McLendon		
			Myrna Andrews		
			TBA		
30	Bethany Andrews		TBA	Sue Drinovsky	
			TBA		
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Blood Drive—May 18

By Joan Rommes

We did great with the blood drive! One comment overheard from a donor: "I've lived in Mobile over 14 years and never owned an umbrella." [The gift for giving blood was an umbrella.]



From Tieasha Hardy, Mobile Team Captain - Team A for LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, Inc.

Good afternoon, I am sending you the ending total from the blood drive as you requested. We collected 10 units of blood today! Thank you so much. We did have a few people come in from The Grove. Thanks again, and you have a wonderful day.

Community Garden and Orchard news

By Laura Anderson

The garden is growing abundantly thanks to you! Please feel free to weed the garden anytime that works with your schedule. Watering assistance will be needed throughout the summer.

If you purchased a tree or shrub for the orchard, the forms for the memorial/honor plaque are available in the narthex.

The cost per plaque is \$8.00. Please submit a check payable to Providence Presbyterian, and designate the check for the orchard plaque.



Vacation Bible School

*Providence Presbyterian
and
The Grove*

**Monday–Friday, July 7–11
9:00–11:30 am**

Sign up in the Narthex

Annual Church Picnic at the Home of Donnie and Melodie Garner—May 17



Left (Clockwise from left): Stuart Clark, Pastor Mary Montei Clark, Ryan Mouner • Above: Visitors from The Grove • Below (L-R): Stuart Clark, Pastor Mary Montei Clark, Pam Fredelake, Chris South, Barry South, Jessi Gadomski, Melodie Garner, Linda Payne, Frances Robison • Photos by Ken Gadomski





Top left (L-R): Jude Mosley, Donnie Garner, Adria Mosley • Above right (L-R): Pastor Mary Montei Clark, Donnie Garner • Zipline pictures— Left: Barry South, being observed by Frank Rey • Right: Jude Mosley • Below left: Frank Rey • Bottom right: Leslie Hayes Rey





Left (L-R): Ryan Mouner, Adria Mosley • Right (L-R): Makayla Mosley, Frances Robison • Below left: Jude Mosley • Below right (L-R): Jude Mosley, Adria Mosley • Bottom (L-R): Pam Fredelake, a friend from The Grove, Chris South, Barry South, Jessi Gadowski, another friend from The Grove, Les Taylor, Laura McGehee, Brian Kane, Frank Rey, Leslie Hayes Rey, Stuart Clark, Pastor Mary Montei Clark





By Manny Russo,
Scoutmaster

During May the troop traveled to McHenry, MS, and camped at Airey Lake. This was the second campout since 22 scouts joined the troop. The scouts fished, hiked, visited a WWII POW camp, and had fun just playing games.

On this campout the new scouts learned to use a compass and map, determine what direction they were walking, and determine distances by

using surrounding trees or landscape.

The scouts also learned how to burn their dinner, how to clean a cast iron fry pan with ¼ inch of burnt beans on it, and how to survive on the one item they did not burn! Some skills are learned the hard way. One patrol of seven scouts asked one of their patrol members (who is a vegetarian) to buy groceries. This was their first mistake. The scouts “whined” about the food throughout

the weekend. One scout stated, “I can’t wait to get home and eat meat.”

In June the troop travels to Grove Hill for summer camp. Thirty-nine will participate. This is the 50th anniversary of Maubila Scout Reservation, and all are looking forward to being a part of the celebration.

The remainder of the year will be exciting with activities such as going to a water park, shooting rifles/shot-

guns/black powder rifles/archery, canoeing the Coosa River in Wetumpka, going to a Civil War Reenactment at Fort Toulouse, and participating in a high ropes course as part of a leadership development program.

You can see that the troop is very active and providing a great environment for young boys. Thanks to Providence Presbyterian Church for chartering the troop. YOU make a difference in the lives of these young men.





June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 am Worship</p> <p>10:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 am Administration Team</p> <p>11:00 am The Grove</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm Westside Tailgate Farmers Market</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p> 6:00 pm Closely Crafted</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm AA meeting Kelsey Fredelake</p>	<p>6</p> <p> 11:00 am Worship Team meeting Graham Hayes</p>	<p>7</p> <p> Brian Gadomski Jeny Williams</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 am Worship (Elder Installation)</p> <p>10:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am The Grove Pentecost</p>	<p>9</p> <p> 5:00-7:00 pm Westside Tailgate Farmers Market</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts Warren Turner</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 pm McKemie Place (The Grove)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm AA meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00-11:00 am Food Pantry</p> <p>11:00 am Evangelical Missions Team meeting</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 am Worship</p> <p>10:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am The Grove Father's Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm Westside Tailgate Farmers Market</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm AA meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p> Dee Low</p>
<p>22</p> <p> 9:15 am Worship</p> <p>10:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 am Session Meeting</p> <p>11:00 am The Grove Kathy Taylor</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm Westside Tailgate Farmers Market</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p> 6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts Brian Kane</p>	<p>25</p> <p> 7:00 pm Choir Donnie Garner</p>	<p>26</p> <p> 7:30-8:30 pm AA meeting Nancy Creekmore</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00-11:00 am Food Pantry</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am-5:00 pm McKemie Place hosting</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 am-5:00 pm McKemie Place hosting</p> <p>10:00 am Worship with The Grove</p> <p>11:30 am Potluck Luncheon with The Grove</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm Westside Tailgate Farmers Market</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30-8:30 pm AA meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p> Independence Day Church Office closed Dave Ramseur</p>	<p>5</p>

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REMEMBER WHEN?

Annual church picnic at Donnie and Melodie Garner's house • May 30, 2009 • Left: Brian Kane • Right: Donnie Garner with Matthew Renn

